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RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1877.

Richmond Dispatch.

IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU- on yesterday left for their homes to spend LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-Christmas. It is scarcely probable that FRIDAY DECEMBER 21, 1877. of the two houses and such members as

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic States, increasing northeast winds, rising followed by falling barometer, stationary or lower temperatures. Cloudy For the Gull States, falling barometer, kiss had inserted those of 1870, and that northeast to northwest winds, lower tem- they were in part stricken out and those of and east winds, stationary or rising barom-

> PARDONED .- Governor Kemper yesterday mouth, who was in October, 1866, convicted of housebreaking and sentenced to twenty

years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. The Governor says: "The prisoner was convicted of ordinary house-breaking, attended with no circumstances of special aggravation, and upon conflicting testimony, which left grave doubts upon many intelli-THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and gent minds as to his guilt. As compared with other convictions in like cases throughout the State, the sentence in this case was one of excessive and extraordinary severity. Having been imprisoned eleven years, he has already suffered more than the average maximum punishment awarded in like cases. His discharge is proper as We contribute some further valuable intending to equalize criminal punishments. Moreover, his behavior in prison has been formation for those who are making ready so exceptionally good that the chief officers for Christmas. The work goes swimmingly of the penitentiary earnestly recommend on, and we look for a remarkably gay and his pardon as a means of promoting prison

kind to one another in times of trial, and PRACTICAL RESULTS OF THE RIVER IMfor ourselves, we shall suspend for awhile PROVEMENT .- The brig Zebenia, drawing even a thought that is unamiable; and if there full fourteen feet eight inches of water, arbe any truth in Slaughter Ficklen, we shall rived at the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves be able to take a hand in the game of fes- last evening. She came up yesterday on the morning tide as far as Kingsland's Look at the wares of our enterprising reach, formerly Graveyard reach, where she touched bottom. On the next tide she was pulled off by the city steamer where ROBERT HARROLD, Nos. 817 and 909 Broad the dredges were at work, and afterwards and Main streets-who claims that he has taken by the steamer W. P. Craighill, Capthe largest assortment of toys and fancy tain Cunningham commanding, in an hour goods for Christmas to be found in the city. and a half, without further trouble or de-Besides the usual curiosities, Mr. Harrold lay to the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves. lay, to the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves, advertises the Tally-Ho Team, the Mechaniwhere to-day she will discharge her cargo cal Boxers, and Blondin Velocipedes. I tell of plaster.

prises. Mr. Harrold also advertises Parian ever brought to the Chesapeake and Ohio tenance of railroads, notably in the introgoods and vases, and cologne sets, and a wharves and over Richmond bar. By Sat- duction of steel rails, which has greatly regreat number of charming things. He is a urday the sand in Kingsland's reach will be wonderful man. He just understands bistoys removed, and there will be a practicable whereas the minds of many of our most reas well as they do him. He can make them channel for any vessel that can come to do anything that such people ever do. They Richmond-that is, a full depth of sixteen jump and play for him, and wink their eyes | feet. and cling about him as though he was their

father. The moment he enters the room DURING CHRISTMAS-WEEK .- The following they all wink and nod and hint to one anorder has been issued to each captain by the whether the canal can do much more than Chief Engineer of the Richmond Fire De-

Trafton's graphic story of army life; all of believe or not, as you please. You may make ring Christmas you will please use extra other debt of some thirteen hundred thou-ROXY," EDWARD EGGLESTON'S NEW NOVEL, a a toy matter of it if you choose. But we diligence to have your company and appa- sand dollars has been contracted); therejust believe there is always the tenderest ratus in perfect order, and do not permit fore be it more than two of your firemen to be absent and these same toys. You have but to look from the city from Saturday, 4 P. M., the at him and his republic of curious things 22d instant, until Wednesday the 26th instant, at 10 A. M. During a fire in any part of the city you do not attend, keep your horses and firemen in the engine-house un-There is terrible work til you are satisfied the fire is out." going on. Only think of it! "Another

crash in prices!" Go to Whitlock's and EXTENSION OF HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY .behold the calamity! But it is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Whitlock may he is nearly ruined by selling his goods so the roads, walks, and sections, covering an low; but if you will only be liberal you area of about thirty-three acres of land recently added to the cemetery. A number cashmeres, excellent domestic goods, gloves fancy goods, &c. There is a great rush for and several offered plans and drawings of cheap goods. Nothing can save Whitlock from ruin unless it be the large purchases From this house comes the cry of "Merry Christmas," with an announcement that for the gratification of the public, old and for the past eighteen months, under Colonel young, there are on sale in the house some of the neatest and loveliest as well as some

> PING.—The Express Company's office here gives evidences of the fast-accumulating Christmas business. People in the city are remembering their rural friends, and boxes of confections, toys, dry goods, and other acceptable presents are going out. Packages of country produce are coming in. Thus town and country people exchange the compliments of the season, while Legislators rave about their conflicting interests. In a few days more the Express Company will be almost overwhelmed with consignments, and it therefore behooves those who have anything to ship to do so at once. Bundles, boxes, packages, and what not should be put up in neat and compact form the address should be plainly marked, and where the consignment is to a person in a

THE FIRE-ALARM YESTERDAY EVENING .this. One of the most acceptable of Christmas presents would be a neatly-furnished quickly as they arose.

HEAVY FREIGHTS .- Owing to the immense quantity of cotton and other heavy freights minion Steamship Company brought two of their large steamers here yesterday—the Church Hill, which, being isolated for want | Old Dominion and the Hatteras. The latter vessel left for New York last night, and the Old Dominion will sail this morning. The company will have another steamer here today, and also one on Saturday.

Thomas A. Bott were thrown from a wagon ture and household goods from Church Hill to Manchester, and the other was assisting. Variety Store at 2502 Broad street, where They were in a wagon, holding in place a piano and some mirrors. The horse became frightened on Twenty-fifth street and ran off down the hill, upsetting the wagon and of jewelry, gold and silver watches, clocks, injuring the gentlemen, and badly damaging the piano and smashing the mirrors.

A CHRISTMAS ACCIDENT .- Policeman P. Hulce vesterday arrested James Lomax, establishment of almost rural location, with other boys were standing near the window, glass and broke it.

who allowed the genial glow of the Christmas season to come upon them too early a few more days yet in which to prepare and and often found themselves in the hands of accumulate the fund of good humor and the police last night, and made business at the station-houses rather brisker than it had been for some time past.

sugar-cane in portions of Louisians, and arrangements for the reception of Governor Holliday, General Lee was chosen chairman, and Mr. Wortham appointed a committee

Meeting of Board of Public Interests. THE SCHEME DISCUSSED-VIEWS OF PROM-INENT ENGINEERS AND CITIZENS-THE RAILROAD PROJECT GROWING IN FAVOR-NO FINAL ACTION-ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, &c.

A meeting of the Board of Public In-terests of the city was held yesterday after-noon in the Council chamber—President ment Wednesday in the Senate, that the Christian in the chair; Ben. T. August secretary. Present: Messrs. Pickrell, Talbott, Skinker, Crenshaw, Courtney, Stearns, Messrs. H. D. Whitcomb, engineer of the

James-River improvement, and W. E. Cut-1860 adopted by order of the Board of Im- shaw, City Engineer, to whom were referred For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, north | migration, as appears on page 65 of the | the resolutions of General Joseph R. Anderson in reference to the construction of a railroad along the James-River valley to Chifton Forge, were also present, together pardoned Charles Butt (colored), of Ports- with Messrs. Anderson, Pulliam, and Henry, of the House of Delegates; Mr. R. H. Maury; Major John W. Johnston, president of the James River and Kanawha Company; and Judge Meredith, president of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Straus, a member of the Board, was

absent on account of indisposition. THE POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The ordinance defining the powers of the Board was read as follows : "It shall be the duty of said Board to take into consideration all works of internal improvements in existence, or which may be projected from time to time; to look after the commercial, industrial, and manufacturing interests of the city; to watch over and take care of its connections, means of transportation, and communication with the rest of the country; and to make such reports and recommendations to the City Council as will in their opinion best subserve the different interests of the city of Richmond."

THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.

The following resolutions, presented by General Anderson to the Council before be resigned, and which were referred to the Board of Public Interests for their consideration were read as follows:

Whereas the experiment of a canal from Richmond along the valley of James river has been tried for some forty years without accomplishing such results as its friends anticipated, which is not surprising, considering that at the time of beginning the canal the benefits of the railroad system were comparatively unknown, while in the last few years important progress has been made in the economy of construction and of mainduced the cost of transportation; and flecting people have become greatly exercised on the question whether it would not be better even now to substitute for the canal a railroad on its banks, extending all ADMIRABLE PRECAUTION AGAINST FIRE the way from Richmond to Clifton Forge, seeing that it is really a question of doubt pay cost of working it, if that much (its debts to the State having been entirely funded into stock in 1860, and yet now an-

> city of Richmond, being the largest stockholder in the James River and Kanawha Company other than the State, and it is believed the largest creditor, and being also largely interested as the terminus of the improvement, and always liable to be called on in case of disaster to advance the chief part of the money necessary to restore navigation, it is the duty of this body to take measures for a careful inquiry into the question of substituting a railroad for the

> Resolved, That the Board of Public Inerests be requested to confer with the authorities of the canal company, and with the City Engineer and the Engineer of the James-River improvement (Colonel Whitcomb), of the proposed change, and report their views thereon to this body, together with such approximate estimate as may be made for them by the Engineers referred to of the cost of a railroad from Richmond to Clifton Forge, on the bank of the canal as far as the same is practicable.

> PRELIMINARY REMARKS. The Chair stated that he had taken the liberty of inviting the city members of the General Assembly to be present, and he took it to be the sense of the Board that any gentleman present having anything to present on the subject would do so without formal invitation.

General Anderson explained briefly the object he had in view in presenting the resolutions. He said he would do all he could to secure a charter for the road, as he felt sure from what he had ascertained of the sentiment of the people of Richmond that the general scheme contained in the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen met with their approval.

Major Johnston, president of the James River and Kanawha Company, spoke of the action of the committee of the stockholders city the street and No. should, if possible, of the company, to whom was referred the resolutions of the stockholders as to the contruction of a railroad along the canal, or adjacent thereto. He said he was at the to have this survey made by the canal commeeting of the committee on Wednesday. whose sessions occupied nearly all day: that it seemed to be the sense of the committee that a railroad should be constructed to repair the canal. Just at present he was from Richmond to Buchanan along the towing-path; that as soon as practicable the any money to repair it. Legislature should be applied to for a charter. It seemed to be the idea of the committee that the city of Lynchburg should take half a million dollars' worth of stock. the counties along the line half a million. and the city of Richmond a million and a

Major Johnston was of opinion that it would cost more than \$800 per mile for the earth-work.

Mr. Stearns said be'd undertake the conract for \$800 a mile from Richmond to Lynchburg.

Major Johnston said, then he thought Mr. Stearns ought to have the contract if the road was to be built. He then went on to say that it was the opinion of many persons that the damage done to the canal by the flood was very nearly overcome by the benefit of the flood, the bed of the canal having been deepened and widened. He though that when the bank was restored the canal would be in better condition than it had been for thirty years.

A rambling discussion followed as to the best scheme for building the road. MR. TALBOTT'S VIEWS.

Mr. Talbott was very much inclined to the opinion that the city was undertaking that which she didn't have the money to do. Even if the road should be built, he was colored boy of fourteen, on the charge of satisfied when the company reached Clifton breaking a glass from the window of the Forge they would find a very formidable store of Thalhimer Brothers. Lomax and competitor in the Chesapeake and Obio road. They wouldn't give them a pound of and in a tussle Lomax was pushed against the freight if they could help it, and there was in his mind a great doubt as to the amount of freight to come over the road. In his opinion the tow-path is not the proper bed, but, according to the opinion of the best engineers, it should be built on the southside. If Richmond is able to build it, this should be the route adopted. A road by the James-River valley is some sixty miles nearer than the Chesapeake and Ohio, but Vaughan, N. F. Breedlove, Hanover; T. the latter road is built. He thought the report of the committee eminently right and rico; E. T. Jones, North Carolina; F. L. Severe frosts on the 29th and 30th of No-vember solidified the juice in the standing a meeting of the Senate committee to make proper.

THE PLAN ENDORSED. Major Courtney said he would like to ing-house of George Baker suspended payment this morning. Mr. Baker declines to make a statement of the assets and liability of one to cooperate with the City Committee and the City Engineer, but as neither responded he offered the following resoluand the City Engineer, but as neither re-sponded he offered the following resolu-

JAMES-RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD. | hearing the views of the president of the | James River and Kanawha Canal Company, to-night at the Second Baptist church will and of the engineer of the James-River im- be a rare intellectual treat served up in the provement, and of the engineer of the city most tempting style. Many of our people of Richmond, respectfully report as fol- will remember when P. S. Henson, "the

> 1st. In the opinion of this Board the in- lighted auditors all over the State-when, terests of this city imperatively demand as a student of Richmond College and of the that a railroad along the towing-path of the University of Virginia, he bore off the canal from Richmond to Buchanan should highest academic honors, and won a be constructed with all possible speed, the most enviable reputation for polished work to be commenced at Lynchburg, and oratory, and when he left his native be earried on towards Buchanan and Rich- State with a reputation for pulpit oramond at the same time; and a corps of en- tory scarcely equalled. At the North Dr. sincers sould be put upon the work at once Henson has steadily risen until he is now o ascertain the cost of grading and laying regarded as one of the greatest preachers the track.

2d. That the advantages which would accrue to Richmond by such an improvement ustify a subscription of as much as pathos, and a thrilling eloquence which \$2,000,000 if so much money shall be needed o complete the said railroad. 8d. That any amount which may be ap-

propriated by this city to the building of this railroad should be secured by a mortgage upon the property.

4th. That this city should have control of the said railroad. MAJOR COURTNEY'S VIEWS.

Major Courtney said he did not think that Richmond ought to contribute a dollar to the road unless it contributed enough to extend it to Buchanan. He hoped a road would not be built from Buchanan to Lynchburg, because then every dollar of freight would be taken from the canal. We ought to guard any appropriation made by requiring the road to be completed simultaneously to Richmond with that to Lynchburg, if the latter is built at all. He did not want Richmond to make an appropriation and some one else to have the mortgage on it. If the road would not earn enough to pay the interest on its cost it ought not to be built. This road would lraw trade and travel from the Virginia and Tennessee road. If it had been built twenty years ago Richmond, in his opinion, would now be as large as Baltimore.

VIEWS OF THE ENGINEERS. Colonel Cutshaw said he was not prepared to give an offnand opinion on so grave a question as this. It would require nvestigation to tell how much the cost of rading, &c., would be.

Mr. Whitcomb was similarly situated. He said that he thought a competent engineer could ride over the route and tell in three weeks within \$50,000 of the cost. He thought Richmond needed the road, and could not afford to allow the road to be built from Lynchburg to Buchanan unless the road to Richmond was built at the same time. The canal would lose every pound of freight. This road would have so much better grade that the Chesapeake and Ohio road, in its competition with other roads, would be ultimately compelled to make an arrangement to run its cars over it. There would be a complete consolidation of the two roads. The Chesapeake and Ohio has always looked to this route to Richmond. You can't build a road to Lynchburg under 100 miles, as is supposed, with anything like a desirable grade. With 30 feet grade, 117 is the shortest line. I am sure you can build a road on the tow-path for \$3,000 a mile-that is, the grading. If you were to cut off the angle at the Junction and purchase the Southside road you would get about as short a line as you can get to Lynchburg. THE SCHEME OPPOSED.

Mr. Pickrell, with great deference to the that in his judgment the scheme was one of the wildest he had ever heard of. He thought the natural route would be on the south side of James river. He therefore offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Courtney's resolutions: Resolved, That in the opinion of this

Board the James River and Kanawha canal ought not to be abandoned, but that the money necessary to put it in order should ever sufficient security can be had for such advance. If desirable to have railroad communication with Clifton Forge, the true route would be by taking south side of James river as a much shorter and direct route, and, in the opinion of this Board, the most economical in the end, and they there fore recommend our representatives in the Legislature to apply for such a charter.

Major Johnston said that the people west of Lynchburg, in that city, and in the counties bordering on the line of the canal, were all true and loyal to Richmond. He thought that they were all interested in this city, and if the people in the James-River valley could be persuaded that Richmond would give this large sum no other charter in opposition would be asked for; but he would be frank in saying that there were persons in favor of building a road from Lynchburg to Buchanan. .

The question was then taken on the substitute offered by Mr. Pickrell, and it was defeated by the following vote: AYES .- Messrs. Talbott, Crenshaw, and Pick-

NOES.—Messrs, Stearns, Skinker, Palmer, Courtney, and Christian—5. Mr. Crenshaw moved to adjourn to Thursday. He thought there were several nfluential members absent.

Mr. Talbott agreed with Mr. Crenshaw. A suggestion was made to amend Mr. Courtney's resolution so as to provide for a survey of the tow-path to ascertain the cost of the road. The Chair suggested that it might be well

pany's engineers. Major Johnston said that he desired it to be distinctly understood that his policy was

in a very bad fix, because he did not have The Chair said that he thought it might be best to postpone action on the main resolution, because there were four members absent, and that it would be well for the ac-

tion of the Board to go to the Council with the endorsement of its members. Mr. Courtney suggested that there was quite as full a meeting as was likely to be had at any future time. Mr. Talbott sald he was not opposed to

the railroad, but he wanted more time for consideration. Mr. Crenshaw wanted to see more figures as to the cost of the road. On motion of Mr. Stearns, the Board ad-

journed until Wednesday at 6 P. M. POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- Justice White disposed of the following cases:

Andrew Smith (colored), charged with teloniously assaulting and wounding Austin Mitchell with intent to kill. Dr. Brock stated that Mitchell was very severely hurt; his skull was fractured, and he is now at the almshouse under treatment. The case was continued ten days. John Reed alias William H. Robinson

(colored), charged with being an escaped

prisoner from Caroline county, where he is

charged with murder, was committed to jail for ten days to await the action of the authorities of that county. Alex. Cheatham (colored), charged with trespassing on the premises and secreting himself in the house of Mrs. Holloran for improper purposes. Held for surety for

Israel Sydnor alias Robert Jones (colored) was sent to jail for ten days, and twenty-five lashes, for stealing a lot of sash-weights from J. J. King.

PERSONAL .- Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were S. B. Cliff, New York; Samuel F. Coleman, Cumberland; and John J. Henry, Boston. Captain O. J. Schooleraft is now able to ride about.

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FRENCH CANDIES, Bon-Bons, Kisses, and every kind of Candy, at Pizzini's.

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ALL PERSONS WIIO HAVE NO TIME to have their teeth attended to except during the Christmas holidays will please make appointments as early as possible. Dr. C. A. MERCER, Dentist, 703 Main street, between Seventh and Eighth.

C. GENNET'S, 917 Main street. AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

rants, and citron, go to Zimmer's. No. 1536 Main street.

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, commissioner's sale of two framed tenements, on the cast side of Shook's alley between Duval and Baker streets.

Keswick," on James river E. B. COOK, 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., boots, shoes, &c., at No. 1507 Main street.

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LOCAL MATTERS

LEGISLATIVE .- Most of the members of the General Assembly, having drawn two weeks' pay and gotten free railroad passes, legislative business will be actively re numed-or rather commenced-before the 3d or 4th of January. The joint committee may be present on the 1st will represent the General Assembly at the inauguration

of Governor Holliday. General Johnson says that in his state-Geographical and Political Summary of Virginia contained only the statistics of 1860, be was not aware that Major Hotch- Palmer, and Nolting. Summary.

genial time. People ought to be especially discipline. JAMES L. KEMPER."

you what, boys, these are scrouging sur-This is believed to be the heaviest draught

"In consequence of danger of fires du-

Mr. Harrold

In August last the Hollywood Cemetery Company offered a premium of \$300 for the best plan and drawing for the extension of of engineers competed for the premium, great merit, but the Board of Directors of the company have decided that Mr. C. P. E. Burgwyn, a young engineer of this city. was entitled to the prize. He is a native of North Carolina, graduated at Harvard College two years ago as a civil engineer, and has been with our James-river engineers

EXPRESS PACKAGES-BE PROMPT IN SHIP-

be given. At 6:45 yesterday evening an alarm of fire was sounded from Box 17, corner of Twenty-ninth and Clay streets. The occasion of it was the burning of the stable of Mr. Cowardin, who lives in the county near Oakwood Cemetery. The flames were visible from many points even in the western sections of the city, and it was thought by chamber or parlor-indeed a neatly-fur- many that a great conflagration was in progress; but the flames, however, died out as

OH, BE JOYPUL .- A number of citizens

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boy orator," attracted large crowds of de-

and one of the most effective platformspeakers in the country. As a lecturer he has a keen wit, a broad humor, a touching charms and delights the large audiences who are accustomed to hang with rapt at

tention on his utterances. Those who heard bim here three years ago will rejoice in the opportunity of hearing him again, and those who were not then so fortunate will be glad of an opportunity of hearing a lecturer of the first order of talents.

We learn that the lecture to-night or The Old and New; or, A Plea for the Old," is one of Dr. Heuson's masterpiecesbrimful of wit, humor, pathos, good hits, and polished eloquence.

[FOR OTHER "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE]

TOYS AND FANCY ARTICLES AT COST .- Mesers

ELLYSON & YANCEY (successors to J. Taylor Elly son), 1112 Main street, are offering their large stock of toys and fancy goods-things suitable for Christmas presents-at cost. In this department can be founy dressed dolls, thy trunks, toy bureaus ten-pins, Noah's arks, china toys, dominoes, paints. children's games, &c. C. F. JOHNSTON, 918 Main street, has a large stock of organs, planos, violins, guitars, banjos,

accordeous, fifes, drums. music-boxes, music albums, work-boxes, writing-desks, children's books, games, papeteries, picture-frames, albums stereoscopes and views, pocket-books, autographalbums, &c., which he is selling at remarkably low THE EIRST, HIGHEST, AND ONLY PREMIUMS awarded for PHOTOGRAPHS preper by the State

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FINE ASSORTMENT of writing-desks and work boxes at lowest prices at ELLYSON & YANCEY'6, C. ZIMMER, 1536 Main street, has the largest as-

found in the city, and his prices are the lowest.

the city yesterday morning to spend the Christmas in Richmond county. GOLDEN SHERRY .- A good table wine for \$2.25

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CHRISTIAN & WHITE'S.

STUDY YOUR INTEREST, and go to ANTONI'S and buy your good things. Main street. DOMINOES from 10c. to \$1.50 a box at ELLYSON & YANCEY'S, 1112 Main street.

Go to ANTONI'S before the rush. FRUIT-CAKES, plain cakes, and all kinds of small cakes at PIZZINI'S, suitable for Christmas. Go to ZDIMER'S, 1536 Main street, and get nice Currants at 10 and 121/c. per pound.

CAMELIAS at TOLER & HOOPER'S.

TUBEROSES at TOLER & HOOPER'S.

VIOLETS at TOLER & HOOPER'S.

MER'S, 1536 Main street.

ROSEBUDS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. CARNATIONS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. nd Choice Flowers of all other varieties at TOLER & HOOPER'S. Call early and see for yourselves. ANTONI has put all prices down, down, down,

FIRE-CRACKERS of every description at Pizzi-FLOWERS! FLOWERS!-Roses, Camelias, Vioets, &c., in great profusion, at LAIRD's Garden, on

LOOK OUT FOR ANTONI'S, the confectioner, Main RAISINS, Currants, Citron, Nuts, Lemon Oranges, at Pizzini's, selling law.

their Christmas good things. FIREWORKS at ANTONI'S, Main street. WHAT is nicer for a Christmas present than handsome basket of Flowers? which can be had at

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above our storeroom. The necessary alterations to

suit our purposes will, no doubt, cause many of our

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om-Studs, Collar-Buttons, Jet Sets, Gold Sets.

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